

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of February 24, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment on the Closed Session Matter

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, spoke regarding the connection of elected officials' benefits to MMCEA's contract. He commented regarding potential conflict of interest of councilmembers with regard to voting on contracts for this labor group.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Conference With Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Greg Scoles
Employee organization: MMCEA and AFSCME

Attended by Councilmembers Reed, Stone, Braunstein. Councilmembers Lieberman and Wright were absent.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 7:00 p.m.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Stone, Braunstein

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Lieberman, Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Manager Scoles.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Rennie stated there were no actions taken in the Closed Session held earlier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mary Ridge, Belmont resident, commented regarding an issue at the Senior Center.

Birgit Merian, Belmont resident, commented regarding the council's February 10, 2015 decision regarding AT&T Wireless. She suggested that any future cell installation requests in front yards in residential neighborhoods should be denied.

Tran, Belmont resident, concurred with Mrs. Merian. She recommended adopting a city-wide plan for wireless facilities.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, commented regarding Belmont's new newspaper. He also commented regarding the need for better information on infrastructure needs on the City's website. He restated the comments he made earlier prior to the closed session.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Stone commented regarding the status of Carlmont girls basketball.

Mayor Braunstein described the recent General Plan Update workshop that was held with Carlmont High School students. He noted that Councilmember Reed was recently appointed to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Stone commented regarding the pending approval of the Community Choice Aggregation program and expressed support.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2015-016 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Service Agreement with Willdan Financial Services for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to prepare a user fee study and refine the Cost Allocation Plan for the City and Fire Protection District

Resolution 2015-017 authorizing payment of the POST reimbursable consulting fee for Police Department Team Building Workshop with Edward Professional Advisors in an Amount not to exceed \$5,550

Resolution 2015-018 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of San Mateo for Animal Control and Shelter services through June 2020

Resolution 2015-019 authorizing participation in the Feasibility Study

Receive the City of Belmont Investment Policy as rendered by the City Treasurer

Resolution 2015-020 accepting work and authorizing issuance and recordation of notice of completion to Bayside Stripe and Seal for the 2014 Thermoplastic Striping Project, for a final cost of \$23,042

Resolution 2015-021 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Program Supplement Agreement with the California Department of Transportation and to sign all documents necessary for the implementation of the 2015 Pavement Reconstruction Project

Resolution 2015-022 approving the Technology Reimbursement Policy for City Council

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Reed, the Consent agenda was unanimously approved (3-0, Lieberman/Wright absent).

OTHER BUSINESS

Report on Mid-Year Financial Results at December 31, 2014

Deputy Finance Director Lazzari provided information on the mid-year budget results. She provided an executive summary and outlined General Fund balance trends. She explained revenue and expenditure variances, and provided a recap of other funds. She described the mid-year budget amendments provided for in the proposed resolutions.

Discussion ensued regarding the Successor Agency settlement with the State of California.

Finance Director Fil reviewed the Council Contingency allocation. He suggested tabling any major discussion or direction on this item until the Council's priority setting process.

Discussion ensued regarding the Davey Glen Park project. Parks and Recreation Director Gervais confirmed that the project is funded. He clarified that if additional funds are necessary, they can be borrowed against future Quimby fee revenues.

In response to Mayor Braunstein, Parks and Recreation Director Gervais described steps that have been taken to date and the next steps for the Barrett Community Center project. He recommended allocating funds in the 2016 budget if there is a desire to move forward with this project.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, commented regarding the infrastructure needs, pension funding, and retiree health care costs.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Reed, Resolution 2015-023 amending the City of Belmont's FY 2015 Budget was approved (3-0, Lieberman/Wright absent).

Discussion ensued regarding specific items on the potential priority list.

Councilmember Reed stated that he preferred to discuss specifics on the priorities in detail at the upcoming workshop.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ralston Emergency Storm Replacement project.

Discussion and Direction Regarding Potential Changes to the Campaign Finance Ordinance (continued from January 13, 2015)

This item was continued to a future meeting.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Mayor Braunstein provided an update of the recent C/CAG discussion related to the Belmont Village zoning.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles noted that another General Plan Update newsletter was forthcoming. He outlined an upcoming joint meeting with the Planning Commission on this topic. He also noted the upcoming Four Corners Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:10 p.m.

Terri Cook
City Clerk